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SUBJECT: GOI FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET IFY 1973-74

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SUMMARY: ON NOVEMBER 3 THE GOI ANNOUNCED A UNION CABINET DECISION WHICH SET THE TOTAL IFY 1973-74 FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET AT RS. 578.2 MILLION, AN AMOUNT ONLY RS. 14 MILLION LESS THAN THAT ORIGINALLY VOTED BY THE PARLIAMENT. THIS TOKEN REDUCTION INDICATES THAT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING HAS BEEN ABLE LARGELY TO OVERCOME MINISTRY OF FINANCE ATTEMPTS TO MAKE DEEP CUTS IN THE FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET AS PART OF THE GOI'S AUSTERITY CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

1. ON NOVEMBER 3, HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING MINISTER R.K. KHADILKER MADE PUBLIC A UNION CABINET DECISION TO AVOID A MAJOR CUT IN THE FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET AND TO REDUCE THE PROGRAM ELEMENT OF THE FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET ONLY TO RS. 534.5 MILLION --JUST RS. 14 MILLION LESS THAN WHAT THE PARLIAMENT VOTED IN FEBRUARY 1973. THUS, THE FULL FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET WILL BE RS. 578.2 MILLION AND CONSIST OF A REVISED PROGRAM LEVEL OF RS. 534.5 MILLION PLUS RS. 43.7 MILLION OF CAPITAL COSTS, WHICH WERE NOT CUT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE TO A GROUP OF STATE HEALTH SECRETARIES, AND FAMILY PLANNING OFFICIALS MEETING IN NEW DELHI TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE IFY (INDIAN FISCAL YEAR).

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2.STATE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RESUME 1973-74 PROGRAMS AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. HOWEVER, SOME OFFICIALS FEEL THAT THE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION CUTBACKS RESULTING FROM THE DELAYS IN OBTAINING A FIRM BUDGET MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ALL THE FUNDS TO BE OBLIGATED. THEY FEEL IT MAY RESULT, AS IN YEARS PAST, IN A SITUATION WHERE THE MINISTRY WILL BE CRITICIZED FOR NOT OBLIGATING ALL AVAILABLE FUNDS, WHILE REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

3. THE SMALL SIZE OF THE BUDGET CUT, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE LARGE CUTS MADE IN SUCH MINISTRIES AS EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE, INDICATE THAT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, WITH STRONG PLANNING COMMISSION SUPPORT, WAS ABLE TO WITHSTAND EFFORTS LED BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO MAKE MUCH DEEPER CUTS IN THE FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET AS PART OF THE GOI'S ECONOMY DRIVE. THE DECISION ALSO APPEARS TO SUSTAIN FAMILY PLANNING'S ROLE AS A PRIORITY PROGRAM. HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF THIS PRIORITY, THE BUDGET REMAINS 50 PERCENT BELOW THE EXPENDITURE GOAL OF THE FOURTH FIVE YEAR PLAN AND THE GOI'S COMMITMENT TO THE U.S. TO SPEND RS. 3,300 MILLION.

4. COMMENT:

ALTHOUGH IT IS RUMORED THAT THE CABINET ALSO ASSURED THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN.MOYNIHAN

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